the President thinks that it is in order the motion will be read in Council.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* For the past 10 years when I have been a member of this House it has been the practice for movers of adjournment motions to argue how their motions are in order.

Mr. President: Perhaps such hopelessly out of order motions have never been tabled before.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Let the House also appreciate that.

Mr. President: It is for the President to decide. If the President is of opinion that the matter proposed to be discussed is in order he shall read the statement to the Council.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I do not rely solely on the Act. I stand on the precedent here. The necessity of conforming our law to the provisions in the Travancore Debt Relief Bill, recently adopted, providing 9 years' time for the repayment of agricultural debts is an urgent matter of public importance, worthy of an adjournment motion. The incident has occured after the commencement of this Session.

Mr. President: Now, the hon'ble member has gained his object.

Voting of demands for grants

23. Ayurveda—Rs. 43,772

***Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I move that this House may be pleased to sanction a grant of Rs. 43,772 under "Ayurveda". I should like to make one or two observations in this connection before the various cut motions come up for discussion. The House is aware that this department has lately been separated from the Public Health and Panchayat Department. Government will give effect to the universal desire of the people of this State to raise its status and popularity by giving generous grants. The hospital has to be enlarged; an inpatient ward is constructed, the building for manufacturing medicines is almost complete and a pucca out-patient department is also in course of construction. I am sure the House will be glad to note that the public desire has been given effect to by Government by undertaking these improvements and in course of time it is the intention of Government to start ayurvedic dispensaries all over the

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State. Government have instilled new life into this department. I request that the House may be pleased to allow this grant.

Cut Motions

1. Raising of the status and salary of the Superintendent of Ayurveda

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 8,573 for Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital Establishment by Re. 1. "To raise the status and salary of the Superintendent of Ayurveda by (i) converting the name "Superintendent" to "Director" and (ii) the raising of status and salary to that of the Protector of the Depressed Clas es".*

The object of my motion has been stated in the printed sheet.

Mr. President: It is not the usual practice in legislatures in other places to advocate increase of salaries to particular officers. It is the usual convention of all legislatures. The House can take a class of officers and say that their pay may be revised, but to take a particular officer and say that his pay should be increased is not considered to be proper for the non-official members.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* If this motion is out of order, I don't wish to discuss it.

Mr. President: I don't say it is out of order. I say, it is the usual practice and a convention which is followed in other legislatures. If non-official members here do not want to follow that convention, I have no objection.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I am not going to break the convention. Therefore, I withdraw the motion.

Motion by leave withdrawn

Mr. President: It is a very dangerous practice. When Government are not prepared to increase the pay of an officer, it is not proper for the non-official members to move such motions.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I have given notice of a motion for revising the pay. The revision may be for reduction.

Mr. President: If you want to reduce, you may move it in the form of a specific motion and say by so many rupees it should be cut down.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I don't move.

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2. To start a Vishavaidyasala in a central place, in the Chittur Tluk

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Sir, I rise to move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,188 for Vishavaidyasalas by Re. 1.* The object in moving this motion is, *to point out to the Government the fact that the Vishavaidyasala at Aylur, situated as it is at one extremity of the Taluk, is practically of no use to the people of the eastern parts of the Chittur Taluk and to impress on the Government the necessity of opening another Vishavaidyasala at a more central place in the Taluk.*

My motion is self-explanatory. Still I want to add a few words by way of explanation. The Chittur Taluk is not a continuous territory. Nemmara, Aylur on the one side and the villages of Chittur, Tattamangalam and Pattancheri on the other are separated by a broad tongue of British territory so much so the Vishavaidyasala at Aylur is twenty-one miles distant from Chittur and the eastern villages of Nalleppilly and Kozhinjampara are something like 30 miles distant from Aylur. The Vishavaidyasala situated as it is at Aylur is practically of no use at all to the people of the eastern parts of the Chittur Taluk. I, therefore, request the Government to consider this matter sympathetically and establish a Vishavaidyasala at some place in the eastern portion of the Chittur Taluk.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Am I to take from the Hon'ble Member that he wants to shift the present Vishavaidyasala to some other distant centre or he wants another Vishavaidyasala?

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Yes. I want another Vishavaidyasala to be established.

***Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I will explain to the House the present situation. There are five Vishavaidyasalas, the Vishavaidyans in charge of which are paid at the rate of Rs. 20 per mensem. The one at Aylur comes under this category. There are 65 to 70 other Vishavaidyasalas where Government are only giving the Vaidyans some medicines worth a rupee or five rupees per mensem. The intention of the Government is to bring all these Vishavaidyasalas on a uniform level by abolishing the five Vishavaidyasalas where paid Vishavaidyans are appointed. There is no reason why a few Vishavaidyans alone should be given Rs. 20 as pay, while others are given only medicines worth Rs. 12 or so per annum. As a matter of fact, we have also given notice to the Vaidyan in the Aylur dispensary that his term of office will terminate

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by the end of this official year. That is the position. Therefore, the request cannot be accepted. I think the House will agree with me that an equitable distribution of medicines to all Vaidyans is better than giving good sums by way of pay to a few.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* So, you mean to say that Chittur is to go without any Vishavaidyasala?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Are there more poisonous snakes in Chittur?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Everywhere there are poisonous snakes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I think, in Chittur there are more poisonous varieties?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are poisonous varieties everywhere.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Vishavaidyasala at Aylur?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is so, and then the ordinary Vishavaidyan there will be given the ordinary grant of medicines.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* So, you say there will be no separate Vishavaidyasala at Aylur, but that it will be amalgamated with the dispensary at Aylur?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will not have any separate Vishavaidyasala for Aylur. We will be giving a grant to the Vishavaidyan there, as we are doing in the case of 65 to 70 other Vaidyans in the various parts of the State.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* So all the five dispensaries will be abolished?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, all the five will be abolished if and when occasion arises, including the one at Irinjalakkuda.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* The minister was saying that there were five Vishavaidyasalas the Vaidyans of which were paid Rs. 20 and of which the names of two are given, namely Aylur and Irinjalakkuda. Let us know which are the other three.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Two at Trippunittura and one somewhere about eight miles away from Trichur—on the way to Shoranur.

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Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are there Vishavaidyans receiving such grant of medicines in the eastern parts of the Chittur Taluk?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* So, these Vishavaidyans have to make a requisition before they are given grants?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is only when they apply for this grant that Government will consider and give the grant.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Are there Vishavaidyans getting grants in other places than in the Chittur Taluk?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* At Trippunittura there are one or two, then three near Trichur, and one at Irinjalakkuda.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Are there any serpents in Irinjalakkuda?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are serpents everywhere.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* In allowing this grant, have Government prescribed any qualification for these Vishavaidyans?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. They must be trained at least for a period of three months and must produce a certificate of training. Generally, this is done under the supervision of His Highness the Elayaraja.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* When establishing such dispensaries, will Government kindly consider the desirability of asking the Vishavaidyans in charge to undergo Vishavaidya training?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have issued instructions in that behalf, so that in course of time the Ayurvedic dispensary and Vishavaidyasala may be combined together.

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Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* In view of the answer given by the Hon'ble Minister, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

3. Opening of a Sales Department in the R. V. C. A. Hospital

***Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Sir, I move that *the allotment of Rs. 9,730 for supplies be reduced by Re. 1.* The object in bringing this motion is *to impress upon the Government the necessity of opening a Sales Department in the Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital and to make the medicines available at standard prices in all Taluks of the State through approved agencies of Panchayat Vaidyasalas.*

My cut motion is self-explanatory and I do not wish to speak at length on this matter. As far as the manufacture of medicines is concerned, it has often struck me that if that business is undertaken by the Ayurveda Department of Cochin, the medicines can find an easy sale not only in Cochin State but also outside *(Hear, hear.)* At the same time there will be some sort of a guarantee for the quality of the medicines also. So, with the development of the Ayurveda Department that branch of the activity may also be considered. It is to bring that matter to the notice of the Government that I have tabled this motion.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I fully subscribe to the views of my friend, Mr. Viswambharan. Government have decided to develop this line of activity and most probably, next year, the matter will be taken up seriously and we will see whether the manufacture can be started. I accept this cut motion.

Motion accepted by Government

Mr. President: So I think we expect the manufacture of medicines in 1116?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, Sir.

4. Opening Ayurvedic dispensaries at Chemmanthatta, Mattam, etc.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I rise *to move that the allotment of Rs. 43,772 for Ayurveda be reduced by Re. 1.* My

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object in bringing this motion is *to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity of opening an Ayurvedic Dispensary at Chemmanthatta Desam in Chemmanthatta Village and another at Mattam in Aylur Village of Talappalli Taluk.*

Sir, these two places are about 7 miles distant from Kunnamkulam and to reach Chemmanthatta Desom, it may even be about 10 miles. In the winter season people in Chemmanthatta cannot find out a suitable route to go to Kunnamkulam except through the flooded fields. Chemmanthatta is a historically important place and there is the historical temple which caught the attention of the great Artist Chitra. The people there are really in need of some sort of medical aid. Their modest request is to have an Ayurvedic dispensary there. In the case of Mattam also, the conditions are same. Our present Secretary to Government knows that there was a Jews' Synagogue there once. This also is a far distant place and the people find it difficult to go to Kunnamkulam for medical aid. The population in the Alur Village will be about 5,000 or 6,000. My motion is to establish an Ayurvedic dispensary in each of these places. I therefore request that this fact will receive the Minister's sympathetic consideration.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* Do they not like to have allopathic system there?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, it is not so cheap as the Ayurvedic system.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I am not in a position to state when we will be able to start new dispensaries. It is only after we begin the manufacture of medicines—as I and Mr. Viswambharan expected—and after making some profit out of that transaction, that new dispensaries can be started. As I said, the intention of the Government is to provide for these dispensaries according to the availability of funds in almost all the Panchayats and in course of time, this hope will be realised. Beyond that, I cannot give any definite assurance.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to give grants to some suitably qualified Vaidyans who request for aid?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are ever-so-many applicants from the various parts of the State. If we are to go on giving grants to all these, I cannot say where it will end. At least so far as this department is concerned, I can say that with the resources at their disposal, after meeting all the other requirements, it will not be possible to undertake giving grants. I

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agree that it will be useful to the public, but unfortunately, the finances are very much limited.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There is no medical institution there to give aid to the poor people.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will consider that.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* With that assurance of the Hon'ble Minister, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Motion by leave withdrawn

5. Allotting a larger amount to "Ayurveda"

***Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South):* I rise *to move that the allotment of Rs. 43,772 for Ayurveda be reduced by Re: 1.* My object in tabling this motion is *to impress upon the Government the need for allotting a larger amount to Ayurveda.*

According to the budget, we find that only a sum of Rs. 43,800 is set apart for the Ayurveda Department. Out of that, a sum of Rs. 7,500 is as a special contribution for rural development and that amount is going to be utilised for the purpose of providing a building to accommodate a few beds. If this is deducted, the amount comes to about thirty-six and odd thousand. Out of that, Rs. 9,500 only is set apart for the cost of medicines. The remaining portion is to be distributed to the various vaidyans who treat the patients. When we look at the Allopathic Medical Department, we find that a sum of Rs. 5,57,406 is set apart for the hospitals alone, *i.e.*, institutions other than Mental Hospital, Leper Asylum and the like. What I suggest is that it will not be possible for Government to extend the medical aid as per the allopathic system to 75 per cent of the population of Cochin State, as the price of allopathic medicines is twice or thrice as much as that of the ayurvedic medicines, and the construction of buildings and such other things will cost immense amount. Under such circumstances, it would certainly be better that the Ayurvedic system of treatment is given greater encouragement than is being given at present. With regard to the medical side, my humble submission is that it will almost equal with the allopathic system. Of course, with regard to the surgical side, it is lagging behind. That is a matter I must concede. So, if the Government is to extend its activities in the Medical Department to most of the people in the State, it would be absolutely necessary to start Ayurvedic dispensaries in most of the villages of the State. My humble submission is that greater encouragement

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should be shown towards the system of Ayurveda than is being shown now. It is simply to impress upon the Government the necessity for doing this that I have tabled this motion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, in rising to support this motion, I just want to make one point clear. I find that a sum of Rs. 34,956 in the "Transferred Departments" is not votable. If the whole amount of the "Transferred Department" is made votable, it will be to our advantage to control the expenditure and to divert the funds as this House may decide. But, as it is, in the 7 departments comprising Agriculture, Panchayat, Co-operative, Ayurveda, Public Health, Industries Transferred and the Uplift of the Depressed Classes, I find that the sum of Rs. 34,956 alone is made non-votable. In matters coming under "Transferred Departments", I think Government should consider the need for making these amounts "votable" by this House. Otherwise, we cannot exercise control through the Minister over the departments transferred to the popular control and if that is done, wherever we find that expenditure is necessary, we may be able to do whatever we like. It is only to bring this aspect of the matter to the notice of the House that I support this motion.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Sir, I find that a small sum only is budgetted this year for this department. This could be seen from the budget estimate of 1116, the revised estimate of this year and the actuals of the previous year. The Minister said, with regard to the medicines he will be setting apart more money for their manufacture, more or less on a profit and loss basis and that we will have all the medicines necessary from the dispensary there. As it is, it is not possible to make more medicines next year with less money than what has been produced last year. So, I suggest that a little more money should have been budgetted for the preparation of medicines. With these few words, I remain.

*__Dr. A. R. Menon__ *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, at a time like this when there is general depression and the obligation of the Government towards the people is very much increased especially in the light of the famine prevailing all over the State, it will be very difficult, considering the general finances of this State, to give a larger allotment to the Ayurveda Department. But at the same time, Government will come forward with advances for the manufacture of medicines. That is not included in this budget. That will be a separate item involving some Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 10,000. Though there is no increase in the allotment here, you will find that there is a decided improvement in the work of the department

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on the whole. I would invite any member here to go and see the work in the hospital and I am sure they will be satisfied to see that the work is generally speaking improved considerably within this one year. You will find the same thing in rural dispensaries too. Proper inspections and proper check of medicines, etc., are being kept up. On the whole there is an advance in the right direction. With regard to the expenditure on this department, of course, when Government are in a position to give additional allotments, I have no doubt Government will do so, because the Government is very sympathetic in the development of this department. I hope, in view of this explanation, the cut motion will be withdrawn.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Sir, This raises a very large question, *i.e.*,whether we should duplicate our Medical Department, or not. I find from the budget that there is a provision of Rs. 6,25,800 for Medical Department, Rs. 43,800 for Ayurveda and Rs. 1,52,300 for Public Health. All these go for the safeguarding of the health of the population. The whole figure comes to about Rs. 8,21,900, *i.e.*, out of an income of a crore and 10 lakhs, we spend about 7·5 per cent for this purpose. Now, the question arises whether we should go on duplicating our Medical Departments. It is a very large question. Just as we have now to learn English and Malayalam, the question will arise whether we should have both the Allopathic and Ayurvedic systems together running side by side and vying with each other. I invite the attention of the House to this particular aspect of the question. I suggest that either we should combine both the systems together or drop one. A Doctor who has studied the Allopathic system can also study the Ayurvedic system—a system which is at present tried in Madras.

*__Mr. C. R. Iyyunni__ *(Trichur-South):* Sir, There is one thing I wish to point out, before I withdraw the motion. I am one of those persons who now and then take the opportunity of visiting the Ayurvedic Institution and it is certainly interesting to find that the average attendance in the out-patient department there is almost as much as that of the Civil Hospital, if not more. Certainly, it is a matter upon which the department can take very much credit. Then, regarding the improvements that have been recently effected, certainly I am a witness to that. My humble suggestion is that it may not be possible, if we stick on to Allopathic system alone, to extend relief to the outlying places of the State—I do not refer so much to the towns and smaller towns. In consideration of the circumstances existing in the outlying portions of the State, we have to consider whether it may not be possible to have Ayurvedic

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Hospitals and medicines properly distributed. It is for that purpose that I tabled this motion. Anyway, on the assurance that further sums will be allotted in future for Ayurveda, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

6. To start an Ayurvedic Hospital at Ernakulam

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Sir, I rise to move that *the allotment of Rs. 43,772 for Ayurveda be reduced by Re. 1.* My object is *to point out the necessity for starting an Ayurvedic Hospital at Ernakulam.* I do not wish to share the views expressed by the Hon'ble Member for Planters, in that the establishment of Ayurvedic Hospitals will be a source of additional expenditure on the medical side. I do not for a moment believe that by opening an Ayurvedic Hospital at Ernakulam, the total amount incurred for medical expenditure will any way be affected. Or rather I would say that this is a source of retrenchment also, because, from a cusual enquiry, I understand that in the Trichur Civil Hospital in the last half year the number of out-patients treated there were about 33,000, while those treated in the Ayurvedic Hospital were about 77,000, and looking to the cost, I understand that for maintenance alone, in Civil Hospitals it comes to Rs. 17,500, while for the corresponding period in the case of the Ayurvedic Hospital it comes to only Rs. 10,000, which includes also the cost of medicines supplied to the rural dispensaries. In the case of the Civil Hospital, the amount does not include the cost of medicines, bedding, clothing etc. So, I would suggest that the opening of an Ayurvedic Hospital is really a means of retrenchment on the medical budget. After all, we know that most of the diseases do not require medicines to be cured. Then, the question arises why people go in for medicines. I should think that the cure is mostly psychological than real. Because people want something to create a feeling in their minds that they have taken in something to cure the disease and the disease will be cured. As such it is useless to get down costly medicines and wasting a lot of money on these Allopathic Hospitals. It is better that we distribute some kind of cheaper medicines. In that view of the matter an Ayurvedic Hospital is a very great necessity in Ernakulam more especially in view of the increase in the price of allopathic medicines. Moreover, it will not be so very easy for ordinary people to approach the allopathic hospitals, as it would be in the case of the Ayurvedic Hospital. I do not want to go into the details with regard to this matter. Whatever may be the reason, the fact remains that Ayurvedic Hospital will be found more accessible from

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the ordinary man's point of view. As such, I would request the Government to consider the question of starting an Ayurvedic Hospital at Ernakulam, primarily with a view to effect retrenchment on the medical budget, because the increase on the medical side has gone to such a stage whereon we cannot expect to spend more. If it is going to be increasing every year at this rate, we do not know where we will reach after some time. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that we should find out some avenues by which we would be able to give medical aid to the public at the minimum cost. So, I submit that an Ayurvedic Hospital must be started side by side with the Ernakulam General Hospital, because it is in the General Hospital here that the majority of the people come and therefore it is only meet that there should be one Ayurvedic Hospital just opposite to the General Hospital in order to divert part of this number to the Ayurvedic Hospital thereby lessing the burden on Allopathic Hospitals. With these few words, I commend the motion for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 43,772 for Ayurveda total by Re. 1.*

(ഇപ്പോൾ തുഞ്ചിവപേരുള്ളതുപോലെ ഒരു ആയുർവ്വേദ ആസ്പത്രി എറണാകുളത്തും സ്ഥാപിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നുള്ളതു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ശവമ്മെണ്ടിനെ ധരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ)

സർ, ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഒരു ഉപക്ഷേപം ഞാനും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി അവർകൾ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സൂക്ഷ്മായിട്ടുള്ള പരിഷ്കരണംകൊണ്ട് ഇന്നു് ആയുർവേദിക്ക വൈദ്യസഹായം ഏറവും നല്ലനിലയിൽ തുഞ്ചിവപേരുരിൽ നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതാണു ഞങ്ങളുടെ അറിവു്. എന്നാൽ അലോപ്പതി മരുന്നുകൾ വിദേശ രാജ്യങ്ങളിൽനിന്നു കിട്ടേണ്ടുന്ന ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടും, അതിനു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടിവരുന്ന വിലയും താരതമ്യപ്പെടുത്തി നോക്കിയാൽ തീർച്ചയായിട്ടും സ്വദേശി മരുന്നുകളെ നമ്മൾ ഈ അവസരത്തിലും അഭയം പ്രാപിക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടാണിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഇപ്പോൾ ഇവിടെ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെയിടയിൽ ആയുർവ്വേദ മരുന്നുകളുടെ കാര്യത്തിൽ ശരിയായ ഒരു ബോദ്ധ്യം ഉളവായിട്ടുണ്ടു്. തുഞ്ചിവപേരുരിലുള്ള ആസ്പത്രിയെ അടിസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തി നോക്കിയാൽ അതു നമുക്കു മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. ഇവിടെ എന്റെ മാന്യസ്നേഹിതൻ മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എൽ. ജോസഫ് പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ തുഞ്ചിവപേരുരിലുള്ള സിവിൽ ആസ്പത്രിയിലേയും, ആയുർവ്വേദിക്കു് ആസ്പത്രിയിലേയും അറൻറൻസു നോക്കിയാൽ സിവിലാസ്പത്രിയേക്കാൾ ഇരട്ടി കൂടുതലാണു് ആയുർവ്വേദ ആസ്പത്രിയിലുള്ളതെന്നു കാണാം. ആയുർവ്വേദാസ്പത്രിയിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ ചിലവാക്കിവരുന്ന സംഖ്യ പതിനായിരം രൂപാമാത്രമാണു്. അതേസമയത്തുതന്നെ അതിന്റെ ഇരട്ടിയും അതിൽ കൂടുതലായും ഉള്ള ഒരു സംഖ്യയാണു സിവിൽ ആസ്പത്രിയിൽ ചിലവാക്കുന്നതെന്നും മനസ്സിലാക്കും. ഇതിനുപുറമെ പലേ ഇംപ്രൂവ്മെൻറ്സും വരുത്തുവാനും വളരെ ഭീമമായ ഒരു തുക ചിലവാക്കിവരുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഇ

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പ്പോൾ തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽ നടത്തിവരുന്ന ആയുർവ്വേദാശുപത്രിയെ കാണുമ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ ഒസൂയകൊണ്ടെങ്കിലും അവിടത്തെപ്പോലെ എറണാകുളത്തും ഒരു ആശുപത്രി നടപ്പാക്കിവരണമെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ സഭയെ ധരിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. അതു വാസ്തവത്തിൽ അസൂയകൊണ്ടു മാത്രമാണ്. ഇവിടെയുള്ള രോഗികൾക്കും അതിന്റെ അനുഭവം സിദ്ധിച്ചുകൊള്ളട്ടെ എന്നുള്ള അഭ്യർത്ഥനയോടുകൂടി ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രിയുടെ അടുത്തകൊല്ലത്തെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ ഇതുംകൂടി പെടുത്തിക്കാണുവാൻ ഞാൻ അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. നാണുമേനോൻ. സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. ആയുർവ്വേദശാസ്ത്രം ഇൻഡ്യാരാജ്യം ഉണ്ടായകാലംമുതൽക്കുതന്നെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. അതു വളരെ പുരാതനകാലംമുതൽ നടപ്പുള്ളതായതുകൊണ്ട് ഇംഗ്ലീഷു വൈദ്യസഹായത്തിന്റെ പ്രചാരത്തോടുകൂടി ആയുർവ്വേദത്തിന്റെ പ്രചാരം കുറയുവാനിടയായി. ഇപ്പോൾ മനുഷ്യർക്ക് ചികിത്സക്കു സൌകര്യം ഇംഗ്ലീഷു വൈദ്യത്തിലാണ് കണ്ടുവരുന്നത്. ആവശ്യമരുന്നുവേണമെങ്കിൽ ഷാപ്പിൽ പോയാൽ ഉടനെ വാങ്ങുവാൻ കിട്ടും. ആയുർവ്വേദശാസ്ത്രമനുസരിച്ച് ആവശ്യമരുന്നുണ്ടാക്കണമെങ്കിൽ അതിനു മൂന്നു ദിവസത്തെ വേലചെയ്യേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. മരുന്നു പാകപ്പെടുത്തിയെടുത്തുവരുമ്പോൾ ആവശ്യപ്രകാരമുള്ള ഫലം കിട്ടാതേയും വരും. ആ വിഷമംകൊണ്ട് അതിൽ മനുഷ്യർക്കുള്ള വാസനയും കുറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. പിൽസ് ഒരു കുപ്പിക്ക് ര രൂപാകൊടുത്തു വാങ്ങിവെച്ചാൽ അതുകൊണ്ടു വേണ്ടപോലെയുള്ള അനുഭവം കിട്ടാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ആളുകൾക്ക് ആയുർവ്വേദത്തിൽ വിശ്വാസം കുറഞ്ഞും, അലോപ്പതിയിൽ വിശ്വാസംകൂടിയും വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ആയുർവ്വേദശാസ്ത്രം ഇവിടെ വലിയ പ്രചാരത്തിലില്ലാതിരുന്നകാലത്തു ഗവർമ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും ഓരോരോ സഹായങ്ങൾചെയ്തു് ഓരോ വൈദ്യന്മാരെ ഓരോ താലൂക്കുകളിൽനിയമിച്ചു് അവരുടെ പ്രവൃത്തിയിൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വിശ്വാസം വരുത്തിയതിന്റെ ഫലമാണിട്ടാണ് ഇപ്പോൾ തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽ മൂർദ്ധന്യദശയിൽ ഒരു ആശുപത്രി നടന്നു വരുന്നതു്. ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തോടു് അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നതോടുകൂടി അതുപോലെതന്നെ ഒരു ആശുപത്രി എറണാകുളത്തു സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതായാൽ വടക്കൻ താലൂക്കുകളിലുള്ളവരെപ്പോലെ ഇവിടെയുള്ളവക്കും സഹായമായിരിക്കുമെന്നും അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ. സർ, ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി മെമ്പറുടേയും, കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ മെമ്പറുടേയും ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ ഹൃദയവിശാലതയോടും സമഭാവനയോടും കൂടിയാണ് അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നതു്. എറണാകുളത്തു തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിലുള്ള ആയുർവ്വേദ ആശുപത്രിയെപ്പോലേയൊ അതിനേക്കാൾ കെങ്കേമമായൊ ഒരു ആശുപത്രി നടത്തുന്നതു ഞങ്ങൾക്കു വളരെ സന്തോഷമാണ്. വടക്കൻപ്രദേശക്കാരായ ഞങ്ങൾ ഇതിനു വിരോധികളായിരിക്കുമെന്നുള്ള സംശയം അവർക്കും തെക്കർക്കും വേണ്ട. എല്ലാവർക്കും ഒരുപോലെ സുഖം വേണം, എല്ലാവരുടേയും സൌകര്യം ഒരുപോലെയായിരിക്കണം എന്നാണു വടക്കൻ പ്രദേശത്തുകാരായ ഞങ്ങൾ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നതു്. ആയുർവ്വേദാശുപത്രിയെപ്പറ്റി പറയുവാനുള്ളതെല്ലാം അവർ രണ്ടുപേരും ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആയുർവ്വേദത്തിൽ വളരെ വിശ്വാസമുള്ള ഒരാളാണു ഞാൻ. കഴിയുന്നതും ഞാൻ ആയുർവ്വേദ വൈദ്യന്റെ ചികിത്സയേ നടത്താറുള്ളൂ. കുറെക്കാലമായി വളരെ പണം ചിലവാക്കിയിട്ടും ആലോപ്പതികൊണ്ടു ഭേദമാകാത്ത ഒരു രോഗം ആയുർവ്വേദ വൈദ്യൻ തന്ന

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വളരെ നിസ്സാരമായ ഒരു പൊടി ഞാൻ നാലുദിവസം സേവിച്ചപ്പോൾ എന്റെ ദീനം ഭേദമായി. അതു് ഒരു സിന്ദൂരമാണു്. അതു തേനിൽ ഛർദ്ദിച്ചു് സേവിക്കണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതനുസരിച്ചു ചെയ്തപ്പോൾ എന്റെ ദീനം മാറി. ആറുമാസത്തോളം ഞാൻ അലോപ്പതി ചികിത്സ നടത്തിയിട്ടും അതു മാറിയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള വൈദ്യസഹായം ഈ പ്രദേശത്തുള്ള ആളുകൾക്കും വിതരണം ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവൺമെൻറു വിമുഖത കാണിക്കുന്നതല്ലെന്നു ഗ്രാമോദ്ധാരണ മന്ത്രി അവർകളുടെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽനിന്നും നമുക്കു മനസ്സിലായിട്ടുണ്ടു". അതുകൊണ്ടു് എല്ലാസ്ഥലത്തും ആശുപത്രികൾ സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതോടുകൂടി സെയിൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളുംകൂടി നടത്തുന്നപക്ഷം ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു് സെൽഫു് സപ്പോർട്ടിംഗായി നടത്തുവാൻ കഴിയും. ഉദാഹരിഷ്ടം ഒരു കുപ്പിക്കു മരുന്നഷാപ്പിൽ രണ്ടര ഉറുപ്പിക കൊടുക്കണമെങ്കിൽ ആയുർവ്വേദാശുപത്രിയിൽ പന്ത്രണ്ടണ കൊടുത്താൽ മതി. ഷാപ്പിൽ രണ്ടര ഉറുപ്പികക്കു വില്ക്കുന്ന സഹചരാദി കഴമ്പിനു് ഫ. കു. നു ണ. യാണു് ആയുർവ്വേദാസ്പത്രിയിലെ വിലനിരക്കു്. മാത്രമല്ല വില്പനക്കുവേണ്ടി കച്ചവടക്കാർ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്ന മരുന്നിനേക്കാൾ ഗവൺമെൻറു മേൽനോട്ടത്തിൽ നടത്തിവരുന്ന ഈ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിൽ നാട്ടുകാർക്കു വിശ്വാസവും ബോദ്ധ്യവുമുണ്ടു്. വിലയും വളരെ ചുരുക്കമായിരിക്കും. അങ്ങിനെ വരുമ്പോൾ ഇതു സെൽഫു് സപ്പോർട്ടിംഗായിട്ടു നടത്തുവാനും സാധിക്കും. ആരംഭത്തിൽ കുറെ സംഖ്യ നീക്കിവെച്ചാൽ മതി. മരുന്നുകൾ പാകംചെയ്തു് അവിടന്നു കൊടുത്തയച്ചാൽ മാത്രം മതി. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഇവിടേയും ഒരു ആയുർവ്വേദാസ്പത്രിവെച്ചു് ഇവിടത്തെ ജനങ്ങളേയും സന്മനോഭാവത്തോടും സമത്വത്തോടും വീക്ഷിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള വിശാലഹൃദയത്തോടും മഹാമനസ്കതയോടും സമഭാവനയോടും കൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

*__Dr. A. R. Menon__ *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Sir, I want the House to realise the pitiable condition in which this system was existing a few years ago. It is under the fostering care of the Government that this system has again been revived and a number of institutions with a Central Hospital was started a few years ago. It will be very difficult to start a hospital of the same type as in Trichur, in Ernakulam also. I could see that the institution will be very popular here too; but I want the House also to realise the duty of the municipalities with regard to medical relief and education. In British India, the municipalities are bound to contribute liberally for medical relief and for educational purposes. I have not the least doubt that the Ernakulam Municipality will be very pleased to give us a grant, say 50 per cent of the expenditure.

__Mr. V. J. Mathai__ *(Planters)*: Is the Trichur Municipality giving you?

__Mr. A. R. Menon__ *(Minister for Rural Development)*: No. It is not giving now.

__Mr. K. Ayyappan__ *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Will you ask them to contribute?

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I shall ask them. But I don't think they will give us anything because an Ayurvedic hospital is already in existence there. There is financial limitation now. Later on, this question will be considered. I am sure the House will be at one with me in thinking that relief is more urgently called for in rural areas than in towns. In towns, there are very competent Ayurvedic physicians and it is very easy to get treatment. I can understand the poor man's difficulty. But, in a place like Ernakulam, to start a hospital means, it cannot be like a small dispensary.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Best Ayurvedic physicians are in the rural parts.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I understand, there are some eminent Ayurvedic physicians here too. Whatever it is, it will be very difficult to start a hospital at Ernakulam all at once. This question will be considered and, as the House expects and I expect, we will be making some real profit without doing any injury to any one from our undertaking to manufacture medicines. We will be able to supply medicines much more cheaply to the various institutions. In the meantime, I can only say that Government have every sympathy with the aspirations of Ernakulam, and at the earliest possible moment, this question will receive the consideration that it deserves.

Mr. President: When the Central Ayurvedic Hospital at Trichur is properly organised, it will be the policy of the Government to open Ayurvedic dispensaries in rural areas where there are no Allopathic dispensaries available. We are not going to duplicate the system and start Ayurvedic hospitals and dispensaries where first class allopathic hospitals exist. We are going to have both the systems running parallel. As a matter of fact, I have decided that hereafter the expenditure on the Medical Department, for the Allopathic system, would be curtailed and whatever surplus funds are available, would be allotted to the development of Ayurvedic dispensaries. The policy of the Government is to organise the Trichur hospital as the Central General Hospital for Ayurveda and start rural dispensaries on the Ayurvedic model in places where there is no provision for Allopathic dispensaries. It is only after these needs have been met that the question of an Ayurvedic Hospital at Ernakulam will be taken up. But I must say that there is absolutely no possibility of starting one at Ernakulam in the near future. Hon'ble members must really understand the position.

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Sir, from the explanation given by the Hon'ble President, even though I am

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rather disappointed in the fact that there is no possibility of getting an Ayurvedic Hospital at Ernakulam in the immediate future, there is reason for me to be happy over something else. The other day, the House is aware, a resolution was passed in this House to point out the necessity for opening an Allopathic dispensary in some rural village from which I come. And even though it was possible for the House to pass the resolution, unfortunately it was rejected by the Government on the ground that the Government was not in a position to find funds for it. Now, from the explanation of the Diwan President I can more or less believe that even though Ernakulam may not get a hospital, at least rural places like Gothuruthi to which medical aid was mercilessly denied, stand to profit. I do not think there is any necessity for pressing this motion. I beg leave of the House to withdraw it.

Motions by leave withdrawn

7. Bringing Ayurvedic Physicians under the Pension or Provident Fund system

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 43,772 for Ayurveda by Re. 1.*

(The necessity to grant either pension or admitting into the system of contributory provident fund of Ayurvedic physicians now under the control of the Ayurvedic Department).

Sir, Some of these physicians have put in nearly 15 to 20 years of service. If the Government will include these officers also in the scheme of contributory provident fund.....

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Which officers ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Ayurvedic physicians now under Panchayats. Government have replied in another connection that the question of instituting contributory provident fund to Village Officers and all non-pensionable Government Servants is under their consideration. If Government are willing to include these people also in that scheme, I do not wish even to move this motion.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I may at the outset say that with regard to pension, Government are not disposed to accept the cut motion. With regard to the Provident Fund Scheme I would request the Hon'ble Finance Member to reply.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, the question is only under consideration. Nothing

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has been decided. It is too early to give any definite answer. The idea is to bring in all officers who are not receiving any pension and who are not already in the contributory provident fund scheme.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government consider the case of these people also along with the proposal?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That will be considered.

Motion by leave withdrawn

The Grant of Rs. 43,772 under "23—Ayurveda" put and carried

24—Public Health—Rs. 1,42,231

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I beg to move that the House may be pleased to sanction a grant of Rs. 1,42,231 for Public Health.

Cut Motions

1. Necessity of grazing grounds in Chittur and Tattamangalam

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Sir, I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,848 for Sanitation works proper by Re. 1.*

(To bring to the notice of the Government the immediate necessity of opening grazing grounds within the town limits of Chittur and Tattamangalam).

Sir, yesterday, to a question on the same subject, the Government was pleased to furnish an answer wherein any way they admitted that they are aware of the necessity for opening grazing grounds in Chittur and Tattamangalam and they have promised to take up this question when funds permit. Still, my object in bringing this motion is to impress upon the Government the immediate necessity of the Government doing the needful in the matter. Sir, the two towns which I have the honour to represent, are set in ideal rural surroundings. You find bright and beautiful rice fields even in the very hearts of the two towns and our taluk as you know, when compared to other taluks in the State, is best suited for the rearing of cattle. The rainfall there is somewhat lesser; so it is a pity that there is not an inch of grazing ground available for the use of cattle in the two towns I represent. The reason for this state of affairs is not far to seek. Owing to irrigational facilities available there, all the open spaces have been enclosed either to plant graft mango trees

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